

REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council held on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at 7:23 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Wallace F. Lees; Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused due to illness.

1. Council President Wallace F. Lees led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the meetings held September 8, 2004, the public hearing held September 8, 2004, the public hearing held August 25, 2004; the special meeting and workshop held August 11, 2004; and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up.

Motion by Councilor William E. Gonyea. Seconded by Councilor William A. Andrews. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford.

Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

3. Public Comment: None

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, said that the Town had informed that there is notice to proceed on the Mowry Road park and relocation project. Mr. Wood described the project and mentioned the \$1,000,000 state and Federal grants awarded for the project. He briefly described the process to be used to implement the project.

Councilor Edward F. Bonczek commented on the initiation of phase one of the The Community Builders project. Councilor Bonczek noted that the realization of long-term projects is uplifting and commended Town Manager Michael C. Wood, Town Planner Thomas J. Kravitz, and Town Solicitor Walter J. Kane.

5. Petitions to be considered and acted upon: None

6. Special Business to be considered and acted upon:

04-269 VOTED to grant a Class F liquor license to Rev. Clifford J. Cabral d/b/a St. Joseph's Church for an Apple Festival Dinner to be held at 183 Sayles Avenue, Pascoag on October 16, 2004.

Motion by Councilor William E. Gonyea. Seconded by Councilor Louis Bleiweis. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

04-270 VOTED to grant a Sunday & Holiday License to Wolfgang Herb d/b/a Florist at the Crossing to apply at 1452 Broncos Highway, Harrisville.

Motion by Councilor Louis Bleiweis. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

04-271 VOTED to grant a Class F liquor license to Nasonville Volunteer Fire Department for the Fall Chowder & Clam Cake fundraiser to apply at 2577 Victory Highway, Nasonville, RI (Assessor's Map 114, Lot 32).

Motion by Councilor Louis Bleiweis. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees

and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

7. Unfinished Business:

04-237 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from RIPTA regarding the Town's request for a public hearing on the proposed elimination of Bus Route #9.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

8. New Business:

04-272 Correspondence from Shirley M. Hodson, President, Burrillville Senior Citizens' Association, regarding their request that the Town Council appoint a Senior Center Task Force.

MOTION to grant the request and to appoint the recommended people.

Motion by Councilor Louis Bleiweis. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea

Discussion: Council President Wallace F. Lees asked whether the request should be received and referred to the Screening Subcommittee. Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor, pointed out that in the past all appointments and reappointments have been referred the Screening Subcommittee. Council President Lees explained that the Screening Subcommittee would interview the people who have been recommended and make a recommendation to the full Town Council.

Council President Lees asked Shirley M. Hodson, President of the Burrillville Senior Citizen's Association, to review the Association's plan. Ms. Hodson said that the people listed had agreed to work together to gather information and ideas to be presented.

Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, noted that senior issues and a senior center are priority items on the Town Council's Goals & Objectives. Mr. Wood mentioned preliminary work done by Cheri R. Hall, Director of Parks & Recreation and discussed a survey conducted by Ms. Hodson. A copy of the report by Miss Hall, which incorporates the survey results, is on file with the record of the meeting. Mr. Wood said that the administration would work with a task force appointed by the Council. Ms. Hodson said she had been unaware that the Parks & Recreation Department was working on this

project.

Councilor Louis Bleiweis reluctantly withdrew his motion.

VOTED to refer the matter to the screening subcommittee.

Motion by Councilor Louis Bleiweis. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

Further Discussion: Shirley M. Hodson, President of the Burrillville Senior Citizen's Association, asked for clarification of the action. Council President Wallace F. Lees explained the Screening Subcommittee process.

04-273 VOTED to refer to the screening subcommittee the application from Matthew J. Misiaszek for reappointment to the housing authority.

Motion by Councilor William E. Gonyea. Seconded by Councilor William A. Andrews. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis,

Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

04-274 VOTED to accept the list and declare those items surplus.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

04-275 VOTED to receive and open the correspondence from the Burrillville Sewer Commission requesting a joint workshop to discuss the sewer projects for the Eastern Villages, Contract 19A and 19B.

Motion by Councilor William E. Gonyea. Seconded by Councilor William A. Andrews. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

Discussion: Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor, reviewed the fact that bids received for sewer projects for the Eastern Villages, Contract 19A and 19B were considerably over budget. The Commission has

asked the engineer to try to reduce the size of the project. Before proceeding, the Commission has asked to meet with the Council for input and to explain what has been proposed.

VOTED to set up a workshop at the call of the Chair.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

9. Town Clerk/Communication:

04-276 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Charles A. Horbert, Permitting Supervisor, D.E.M. regarding insignificant alteration permit – application #04-0242.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

04-277 VOTED to receive and open the correspondence from Charlotte Gabrielson, Manager, Laidlaw Transit, regarding a school bus turnaround on the property of Gerald and Darlene Pomes on Donahue Road.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

Discussion: Councilor William A. Andrews indicated that, generally, it is not costly to do this type of project when residents provide a right-of-way. Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor, said that if the Town gets a survey showing specifically where the easement will be, drawing the easement is a simple matter. Mr. Kane indicated that he would need the dimensions. Mr. Kane suggested that public works could provide the information.

VOTED to refer the matter to public works.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis,

**Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford.
Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.**

10. VOTED to receive the following reports:

- 1. Town Treasurer: August 2004**
- 2. Burrillville Sewer Commission: Meeting of August 10, 2004**
- 3. Tax Collector: August 2004**
- 4. Department of Public Works: August 2004**
- 5. Chief of Police: August 2004**
- 6. Office of Building Official: No report**
- 7. Animal Control Officer: August 2004**
- 8. Burrillville Housing Authority: Meeting of August 11, 2004**
- 9. Planning Board: Meeting of August 2, 2004**
- 10. Zoning Board of Review: No report**
- 11. Town Planner: No report**
- 12. Parks and Recreation Department: No report**
- 13. Information Systems Department: August 2004**
- 14. Burrillville Conservation Commission: Meetings of May 11 and July 13, 2004**
- 15. Juvenile Hearing Board: No report**
- 16. Ordinance Subcommittee: No report**
- 17. Redevelopment Agency: No report**
- 18. Route 102 Study Commission: No report**
- 19. BOSAP: No report**
- 20. Personnel Board: No report**

21. Screening Subcommittee: No report

22. Downtown Pascoag and Neighborhood Association: No report

23. Budget Board: No report

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

11. Additional New Business:

04-278 VOTED to grant the request for Executive Session from Town Manager Michael C. Wood pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meeting Law [42-46-5 (a)(5)] for discussions or considerations related to the acquisition, sale and exchange of real property and [§42-46-5 (a)(2)] for discussions pertaining to current and pending litigation.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

The Council returned to open session at 9:10 P.M.

Councilor William A. Andrews announced that no votes had been taken.

VOTED to seal the minutes of the executive session.

Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

VOTED to adjourn at 9:11 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. Seconded by Councilor Louis Bleiweis. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilors William A. Andrews, Louis Bleiweis, Edward F. Bonczek, William E. Gonyea and Ronald E. Faford. Councilor Jacqueline Zahn was excused.

The meeting was taped. The tape is on file with the minutes.

Cynthia H. Ketcham, Deputy Town Clerk